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1. Fall / Spring Application Process Timeline for New Applicants

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2. How do I access my MSU Housing Application?
Visit my.housing.msstate.edu

3. Who can apply for on-campus Housing?
Admitted MSU students can apply for on-campus housing for that same term or future enrolled terms. You must first set your initial NetPassword using your MSU NetID (you can find it in the acceptance email you receive from Admissions and Scholarships): Visit my.msstate.edu, click NetID/NetPassword problems, select 'Set your initial NetPassword' and complete each step. Once set, it may take several minutes to be able to log onto your housing account at my.housing.msstate.edu.

4. Are there any upfront costs or is a housing deposit required?
The MSU Housing Application does require new or returning applicants to pay a $75.00 non-refundable processing fee. Continuing residents, students who continue to live on campus from semester to semester, are not required to repay the fee. However, a housing deposit is not required.

5. Where will I receive information and updates regarding official MSU Housing related business?
All Housing correspondence (and most MSU correspondence) will be sent via email to your MSU BullyMail account. You will also be able to access these and messages from potential roommates from the Messaging module within the Housing Portal: my.housing.msstate.edu. Good advice we can offer to new MSU students is to forward all of your emails to one email account and to check it regularly.

6. How will I select my roommate?
Beginning mid-November for the upcoming Fall semester (the Roommate Search, Messaging and Request System is not available for the Spring semester), the MSU Housing Application allows for three roommate options:

1) Let us match you with your roommate
The MSU Housing Office will use answers from the "Roommate Compatibility Questionnaire", that you will answer on your Housing Application, to pair you with a roommate. Answers are based on a sliding scale of 1-5 points. Matches will be based on students whose answers are within three points of one another. Matches will be based on the available pool of applicants and bed spaces at the time the assignment is made.

2) Participate in the Roommate Search, Messaging, & Request System
Students will receive suggested roommate matches based on their answers to the "Roommate
Compatibility Questionnaire." Students can correspond via a messaging system to determine compatibility and select their roommate.

3) **Request a specific roommate**
Your preferred roommate's MSU NetID can be entered into the Housing Application. If your preferred roommate has a paid application on file, he/she must log onto my.housing.msstate.edu to accept your request.

In accordance with university policies, the MSU Housing Office does not include on the application nor consider as factors questions of race, religion, or sexual orientation. The Roommate Search, Messaging and Request System is not available for the Spring semester.

**7. Where can I view my assignment?**
Freshmen who have completed an online housing application (this includes payment of the non-refundable processing fee) will receive an assignment notification email. Incoming Transfer students who have completed an online housing application (this includes payment of the non-refundable processing fee) will receive an assignment based on available space and will be sent a notification email. Upon reading this email, students will be directed to the MSU Housing Application portal where the student will log on and access their housing application. The application status will read 'Your Current Housing Assignment'. The assignment along with their roommate's name is displayed at the bottom of the page.

**8. How do I sign my MSU Housing Contract?**
Fall / Spring MSU Housing Contracts are two-term contracts for students enrolled for the full academic year (both fall and spring terms). An enrolled student cannot cancel this contract during the semester or mid-year to move off campus.

Spring Contracts are five month contracts for students new to campus for the spring term or students who did not live on campus for the fall term but are returning for the spring term.

Summer contracts are based on one of the three summer session terms (Maymester, Summer I or Summer II) or any combination of the three.

Upon receiving an assignment notification, an online MSU Housing e-Contract will need to be electronically signed by students 18 years and older by the due date stated in the assignment notification email. For students 17 years and younger, a paper contract will be mailed to the home address listed on the admission application. A parent or legal guardian of these students will need to sign, notarize, and return these contracts by the date in the accompanying letter.

**9. How do I cancel my MSU Housing Contract?**
MSU Housing cancellation deadlines and cancellation penalties are specific to each term. Please refer to the Cancellation Deadlines & Penalties table for dates, rates and details on our website. An enrolled student cannot cancel a signed contract for a term for which they are still enrolled. Fall / Spring two-term contracts cannot be canceled mid-term or mid-year to move off campus. Pre-approved reasons for cancellations include withdrawal from MSU, graduation, participation in co-op / student teaching / study abroad, pregnancy, marriage, or military (documentation is required for these last three cancellation reasons).

**10. Room vs. Roommate: Which is more important?**
On the MSU Housing Application, each student is asked to decide which is more important, their room preferences or their roommate preference. Students who have mutually confirmed one another will
have their priority averaged and their priorities will then be identical to one another. Example: Mutually confirmed roommates Chris (priority of October 4, 2016 at 7:01:34 PM) and Alex (priority of August 2, 2016 at 2:32:09 AM) would share an averaged priority (September 2, 2016 at 10:46:51 AM). HOWEVER, each student must decide which is more important; room or roommate. If the student with the better priority (Alex) states that his / her room preferences are more important and his / her roommate (Chris) will significantly reduce his / her chance of getting their top building preferences, the MSU Housing Office will split the pair and each will retain their original priority date. The best way to ensure staying with a mutually confirmed roommate is for both students to select the option stating that their roommate is more important. Keep in mind that the new shared priority, if it is much different than the original, may affect these students' housing assignments (the roommates may be assigned to a traditional hall versus a new construction hall). Even if a student mutually confirms a roommate using our matching process via the Roommate Search, Messaging & Request system, their priority dates will be averaged.

11. What are MSU's Living-Learning and Theme Communities?

The Department of Housing and Residence Life is proud to partner with several MSU departments and academic colleges to offer a variety of living-learning and theme community housing options. The purpose of these communities is to live in proximity to one another in a 'block' or 'neighborhood' due to similar interests. If you are interested in any of the Living-Learning and / or Theme Communities listed below and want to learn more, click the corresponding box(es). Your contact information will be sent to the Living-Learning / Theme Communities of your choice beginning in the month of November through mid-March. They will be in contact with you regarding your interest.

Available Living-Learning and Theme Communities include:

- **Bagley College of Engineering Community**: Housed in Hurst Hall and Critz Hall, this community provides engineering majors an opportunity to live and learn together. Upper-division engineering students serve as mentors providing tutoring and support for the early engineering classes. For more information, visit [http://www.bagley.msstate.edu/](http://www.bagley.msstate.edu/).

- **College of Business and Adkerson School of Accountancy Community**: The College of Business and the Adkerson School of Accountancy community, housed in Moseley Hall, provides freshmen the opportunity to focus on preparing for the business world inside and out. You will experience opportunities to adjust to the university life, the business world, and create long-lasting friendships and business cohorts for life. For more information, visit [http://business.msstate.edu/](http://business.msstate.edu/).

- **College of Forest Resources Living-Learning Community**: This Living-Learning Community for natural resource majors, housed in Cresswell Hall, will provide students an opportunity to attend the same classes, establish study groups, and network and live with like-minded students. The College of Forest Resources is a small college with career paths that provide students continuous interaction with classmates from the first day of college throughout their careers. Students in this LLC will find a valuable opportunity to ease the transition to college and to build relationships within the natural resource field. Students must be Forestry or Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture majors to participate in this LLC. For more information, visit [http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/](http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/).

- **Communication Community**: Housed in Moseley Hall, this community provides freshmen an opportunity to attend class and study together. You also experience opportunities to further develop your communication skills outside the classroom with scheduled activities. You must be
a Communication major and meet entrance requirements for the Department of Communication. For more information, visit http://www.comm.msstate.edu.

- **Day One Leadership**: Housed in Moseley Hall, Cresswell Hall, and Rice Hall, this LLC accommodates every amenity level. Innovative by design, Day One freshmen learn together, lead together, using skills gained in the classroom to achieve completion of a "service-learning project." To apply for Day One, visit http://www.dayone.msstate.edu.

- **Military Communities**:
  - **Veterans**: A community has been established in Critz Hall to assist veterans' transition from active duty and recent deployments to a college academic setting. For more information, visit http://www.veterans.msstate.edu.
  - **ROTC**: A community has been established in Critz Hall for freshmen ROTC students looking to begin their career in the military. For more information, visit http://afrotc.msstate.edu/ or http://armyrotc.msstate.edu/.

- **PGA Golf Management Living-Learning Community**: Housed in Magnolia Hall, this LLC provides freshmen PGM majors an opportunity to live, study, practice and attend class together. For more information, visit http://www.msupgm.com/.

- **Shackouls Honors College**: This residential college community encompasses bed spaces in Griffis Hall and Nunnelee Hall (formerly North). Incoming freshmen who are admitted to the Shackouls Honors College will be required to live in either Griffis Hall or Nunnelee Hall for the duration of their freshman year. For more information, please visit http://www.honors.msstate.edu.

- **True Global Living and Learning Community**: Understanding cultural differences is a critical need for future success and necessary to be a True global citizen. Housed in Hull Hall, the True Global Living and Learning Community is a place to make deep and lasting cross-cultural friendships. True Global Living will create opportunities for American and international students to explore their own cultures and have a unique American college experience. By discovering culture and history together, students will create meaningful dialogue about issues that are important to them.